

CURRENCY EVENTS

American Society of Military Comptrollers

Greater Atlanta Chapter

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President's Corner



This past Wednesday evening was our first ASMC dinner social. Brooke Larrabee set up an evening at the Botanical Gardens with the Chihuly in the Garden glass art exhibit. It is quite spectacular – particularly lit up at night. Many thanks to Brooke for arranging this night out! The next evening out will be at the Eclipse di Luna – Taste of Spanish Cuisine on 16 November. I encourage you to join us.

The November luncheon will be held on the 17th and we will have a guest lecturer presenting on the CSRS retirement system. We have coordinated this training with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and CSRS training is considered professional development, therefore, administrative leave is appropriate if approved by the employee's supervisor. No need to submit a DD Form 1556. Remember, the earlier you prepare for your retirement the better!

I will be traveling to Washington, DC 8-10 November to participate in the ASMC Mid-year National Council Meeting. The meeting will provide a thorough update on all DoD major financial issues as well as discussions on ASMC programs and initiatives. Will provide feedback upon my return.

Regards,

Fred Mason

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AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Is there an outstanding individual or team in your area that deserves recognition for all their hard work? The ASMC Achievement Awards are one way to give them that pat on the back. These awards recognize outstanding accomplishments within one of the functional fields of comptrollership in both the individual category and team category.

The award categories are:

- Accounting and Finance
- Analysis and Evaluation
- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Business Management
- Contractor Support
- Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller
- Education, Training and Career Development
- Resource Management
- Intern/Trainee

The Individual Achievement Award recognizes the individual for outstanding accomplishment within one of the functional fields. Any MILITARY or CIVILIAN person currently employed by the DOD (including the National Guard and Reserve Components) or the United States Coast Guard may be nominated. Contractors can only be nominated in the Contractor Support category. The deadline for submission to the chapter POC is [December 31, 2004](#).

The Team Achievement Award recognizes a team for outstanding accomplishment within or across any functional field. A team is defined as a group from four to 20 individuals brought together temporarily to perform a specific task not in the purview of the current office structure. **ASMC MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED.** Any team of military, civilian or mixed group employed by the DoD (including the National Guard and Reserve Components) or the United States Coast Guard may be nominated. The deadline for submission to the chapter POC is [December 31, 2004](#).

Looking for that chance to be published? The Member's Essay Award provides an opportunity for publication in the *Armed Forces Comptroller* magazine. This year's theme is "What are the three highest hurdles in your organization's race for Fiscal Fitness and how would you overcome them?" Essays **MUST** be individually written; no duo or group essay will be accepted. The essay must not exceed 1,500 words and must be an original, previously unpublished piece. Along with being published in the *Armed Forces Comptroller*, monetary awards will be given out. The first place winner will receive \$750; 2nd place \$500, and 3rd place \$250. The deadline for submission to the chapter POC is [February 1, 2005](#).

Do you know a graduating high school senior looking for some book money for college next fall? The National Scholarship Program recognizes those outstanding graduating high school seniors who plan on entering a field of study directly related to financial/resource management. A total of 10 scholarships will be awarded: five for \$2,000 each and five for \$1,000 each. The Chapter will be notified of the winner in June. The deadline for submission to the chapter POC is [March 1, 2005](#).

Are you looking to start or continue your own education or professional development? The Members' Continuing Education Program provides financial assistance to aid ASMC members in continuing their educational endeavors. The applicant **MUST** be a **MEMBER** in **GOOD STANDING**. The applicant must have been a member for at least two full consecutive years prior to submission due date. The field of study must be related to financial/resource management. In order to be eligible for the Dick Vincent Scholarship, applicant needs to show activity in local chapter at some level. Up to 15 grants for \$1,000 each will be awarded. One of the recipients will receive the Dick Vincent Scholarship for \$2,000. The deadline for submission to the chapter POC is **March 1, 2005**.

Have you ever wondered how to reward a chapter officer or committee chairperson for a job well done? The Chapter Leadership Award recognizes individuals for their outstanding leadership, accomplishment and support of ASMC at the chapter level. The nominee **MUST** be a **CURRENT** member in **GOOD STANDING** with at least three full consecutive years membership prior to submission due date. The nominee **MUST** have been a chapter officer or chapter committee chairperson for a minimum of one full year. The deadline for submission to the chapter POC is **March 11, 2005**.

The Chapter POC is Barry Barth or Rhonda Compton.

Additional information and forms may be obtained at <http://www.usarc.army.mil/asmc/> (Chapter website) or <http://www.usarc.army.mil/asmc/> (ASMC HQ website).

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Membership Committee will kick-off the annual ASMC Membership Drive on 1 Nov 04. Every new member who joins between 1 Nov 04 and 31 Dec 04 will receive a free ASMC T-shirt and a free lunch for the Jan ASMC Meeting. The top ASMC Recruiter will be announced and will also receive a free lunch and gift. For more information, you may contact Angela Gilchrist at angela.gilchrist@us.army.mil or visit our Website at <http://www.usarc.army.mil/asmc>

Future National PDI Locations

2005 – Salt Lake City, Utah
2006 – San Diego, California
2007 – Kansas City, Missouri
2008 – Orlando, Florida

Chapter Officers

President:	Mr. Fred Mason
Executive Vice President:	Ms."L" Benedik
Vice President for Committees:	Ms. Ivonne Reid-Borland
Secretary:	Ms. Susan Warren
Treasurer:	Ms. Teresa Bennett

Committee Chairs:

Programs:	CPT Marva Courtney
Mini-PDI	Ms. Ivonne Reid-Borland
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Currency Newsletter Editor	Mr. Randy Flisak
Photographer	Ray Spoto
Web-Master	Ms. Niki Stewart
Member News POC	Vacant
Membership:	Ms. Angela Gilchrist
Ways and Means:	Vacant
Constitution, By-Laws, Ethics:	Ms. Emma Lankford
Scholarships and Awards:	Mr. Barry Barth
Volunteer:	Ms. Jan Heath
Chapter Competition:	Ms. Trudy Tipton
Audit:	Mr. Randy Flisak
Corporate Membership:	Ms. Susan Cole
Training and Education:	Ms. Brenda Brown

Membership Update:

Promotions
Kathalean Baker-Garner – from FORSCOM to Garrison
Carolyn Watson – from Third Army to FORSCOM
Katrina Hale – from Recruiting Bde to FORSCOM
Sheryl Allen – from AMC to FORSCOM
Teresa Bennett – from NETCOM to FORSCOM
Barry Barth – promoted within FORSCOM

Arrivals
Lisa Sankbeil – FORSCOM, G8, Budget
MAJ Edward Pfeffer – FORSCOM, G8, Budget

Departures
Deborah Caution – from FORSCOM to Washington DC
Sara Laurich – from FORSCOM to Germany
Jennifer Lasichak – from FORSCOM to Germany

Movements/Changes
Brenda Brown – from Third Army to NETCOM
MAJ Barkett – returning from deployment!! (Welcome home)

Brand new arrivals
Michelle Flagg-Evans gave birth to AJ Evans in August!

Don't see your organization represented on this list? **HELP US!** We need input to help brag about each other and keep up with all the wonderful stuff going on – send a short note to the editor – Ray Johnson – we'll be sure to get it in the next edition!

A Brief History of IMA Funding

FY 04 was the first year of direct fund control for the Installation Management Agency (IMA). IMA manages about 77% of the Army's \$7B Base Support funds (Sub Activity Groups (SAG) 131 and 132), and \$4B in Training Enabler/Training Support funds (SAG 115, 122, 333, 434, etc). Training Enabler/Training Support funds cover operation of ranges, airfields, tuition assistance, attendance at MOS-producing schools, and other IMA missions outside Base Support. About \$1.6B of Army Base Support funds are managed by other Army organizations.

IMA began FY 04 at a major disadvantage. The FY 04 HQDA Funding Letter funded IMA Base Support at \$5.5B, which was \$1.4B less than FY 03. Base Operations Support (BOS) was funded at 70% of requirements and Sustainment (facilities maintenance) at 94%, compared to 85% and 91%, respectively, in FY 03. Training Enabler/Training Support was funded at 70% of requirements.

IMA received \$55M in Training Enabler/Training Support funds at the Mid-Year Review, and ended the year at 79% of requirements. IMA Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) costs were funded at the Mid-Year Review and incrementally throughout the year, and ended the year at \$1.5B.

In order to cover BOS must-fund requirements, IMA reprogrammed \$57M from GWOT to BOS, and \$600M from Sustainment to BOS, reducing Sustainment to 63% of annual requirements and deferring "flagship" and modularity projects until early FY 05. IMA made major cost reductions in BOS, reducing service to minimum support levels, and deferring actions to FY 05 as much as possible. No Base Support funding was provided at the Mid-Year Review, but HQDA provided the remaining balance of necessary BOS funding, \$200M, at year-end. IMA ended the year at 87% of annual BOS requirements, compared to 94-96% in previous years. IMA FY 04 Base Support obligations were \$271M lower than FY 03.

FY 05 presents another challenge, with IMA Base Support initially funded \$286M lower than FY 04, with BOS at 63%, Sustainment at 84%, and Training Enabler/Training Support at 60% of requirements.

ASMC Networking - Get Togethers (Some of our members have shown an interest in meeting socially on a monthly basis. Under is a list of upcoming events that may be of interest to you. Looking forward to your participation, please contact Brooke Larrabee)

November 18 7:00-???? Eclipse Di Luna

Join us for a taste of Spanish Cuisine. This wonderful 'Tapas' style restaurant will allow you to try exquisite meals at an appetizer price. The Paella and Sangria are awesome.

Cost: Varies between \$6.00 - \$15.00
We're going to try and caravan over to the restaurant leaving MARTA between 6:00 and 6:15.

For further information, contact Brooke Larrabee.

December 6-9 6:30-????

'A Christmas Carol' at the Alliance Theater

If anyone is interested in doing this, please let me know. We'll meet for a quick bite and proceed to the theater to be filled with the Holiday Spirit. Once I know who is interested, I'll send a message to let everyone know the details. If this is something you're interested in, please contact Brooke Larrabee.

CSRS Lunch and Seminar

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is hosting a nationally recognized CSRS expert – Nina Harbour - join us!

Where: The Commons

When: 17 November, 11:30-12:30, Luncheon, followed by a 3 hour seminar

Cost: \$5 for members and \$20 for non-members

Luncheon Cost: \$11.65

(Non-eaters are welcomed to attend as well; there is a nominal charge of \$1 for non-eaters)

Payment and reservations must be provided in advance to secure your space.

Lunch Buffet: Baked Chicken or Lasagna, Green beans, Tossed Salad, Rissole Potatoes, and hot Apple Cobbler

Pay via personal check, made payable to "ASMC", coordinated in advance through one of our ASMC POCs:

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FUTURE TRAINING EVENTS:

If you like the CSRS event and would like to see us pursue a Time Management Class, or Appropriation Law, or EDFM study Groups – we need your help! We need roughly two people per course (so the workload is split and easier) to coordinate the classes – not hard or terribly time consuming – and your leadership won't let you fail – you'll have a great support network for locations/details/assistance. Contact any of the chapter officers if you're interested!

USO Opportunity – additional info/POCs to follow – looking for volunteers to help lead this (contact L. Benedik if you would be interested in coordinating this wonderful event)

3 January – we'll be collecting: pre-packaged zippy snack packs of celery and carrots, individually packaged string cheese, snack crackers, loaves of bread, sandwich meat and cheeses (individually wrapped if possible), in support of our 4 January USO volunteer activity.

4 January, Tuesday, from 0800-1500 we need volunteers to help soldiers as they return from R&R and find themselves traveling through our airport. We need 7 people in two shifts (or one energetic group all day) – 4 people downstairs to find the soldiers and direct them to the USO office, 2 people upstairs to serve food/talk to soldiers, and 1 person to watch luggage so soldiers can roam without worries. We can tag-team and swap duties as long as the jobs are covered. If you're burning leave – what a wonderful contribution you can make to helping soldiers! POCs forthcoming, in the interim – contact L. Benedik for details.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2004/2005

Nov	1	Start of Membership Drive
	10	Executive Board Meeting
	16	Barracks Single Soldier Dinner volunteer opportunity
	17	CSRS Retirement Lunch to Class Event
	18	Eclipse Di Luna
Dec	6-9	TBD – “A Christmas Carol” Alliance Theater
	8	Executive Board Meeting
	15	General Membership Meeting
	TBD	Holiday Outreach Program
	31	End of Membership Drive
Jan	31	ASMC Award Nominations Due in
	3	Collecting food items for USO Assistance
	4	USO Assistance at Airport (yes, a Tuesday!!)
	12	Executive Board Meeting
	TBD	General Membership Meeting or Time Management Class
Feb	TBD	Recognizing Membership Drive Top Recruiter
	TBD	Entertainment Guide 2-for-1 Networking Dinner
	1	Essay Competition Submission due in
	9	Executive Board Meeting
	TBD	Chili Cook Off Social (looking for volunteers to coordinate!)
Mar	TBD	GPTV Volunteer Opportunity (looking for coordinator!)
	TBD	Guide 2-for-1 Networking Dinner
	1	Scholarship and Continuing Education Nominations due in
	9	Executive Board Meeting
	11	Chapter Leadership Nominations due in
	17	Mini PDI
	TBD	USO Volunteer Opportunity
	TBD	Guide 2-for-1 Networking Dinner